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SUBJECT: ALLIED ACTION ON POTENTIAL BERLIN ACCESS DIFFI-
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1. DEPUTY SECRETARY RAISED WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR
DOBRYNIN EVENING JANUARY 25 QUESTION OF POTENTIAL BERLIN
ACCESS DIFFICULTIES. DEPUTY SECRETARY STATED THAT ANY
INTERFERENCE ON USE OF TRANSIT ROUTES BETWEEN FRG AND WEST
BERLIN WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT.
WHILE AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR FOUR PARTIES TO DISCUSS ISSUES
ARISING OUT OF QA, THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO PROVISION IN QA
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FOR ANY INTERFERENCE. SHOULD GDR IMPEDE ACCESS ROUTES,

THIS WOULD RAISE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US AND FOR ALLIES.
DEPUTY SECRETARY INDICATED THAT ANY GDR INTERFERENCE WITH
TRANSIT ROUTES MIGHT HAVE SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ANY
PLAN WE MAY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE GDR.

2. AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GDR INTER-
FERENCE WOULD VIOLATE QA. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FRG WITH RESPECT TO WEST BERLIN
AND INDICATED THAT FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE MIGHT BE FOL-
LOWED BY A SUCCESSION OF OTHER FRG OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN
WHICH WOULD TEND TO VIOLATE THE EXPRESS PROVISION IN THE QA
THAT WEST BERLIN WAS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF FRG.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY TOLD DOBRYNIN THAT, IN OUR VIEW, THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE WAS IN NO
WAY A VIOLATION OF QA SINCE IT HAD NO EFFECT ON EITHER THE
SECURITY OR STATUS OF WEST BERLIN. WE CONSIDERED FRG WAS
FOLLOWING A MODERATE LINE WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN. DEPSEC
ALSO INDICATED TO DOBRYNIN HIS CONCERN LEST VIOLATIONS OF
QA SHOULD UNDERMINE DETENTE POLICY.

4. DOBRYNIN SAID HE WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO MOSCOW
REPORTING THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S COMMENTS.

5. LATER IN EVENING, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN IN BRIEF
CONVERSATION WITH COUNSELOR OF DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED
INFORMAL VIEW THAT PERHAPS QUADRIPARTITE MEETING ON BERLIN
WOULD BE DESIRABLE. THIS SEEMED TO BE DOBRYNIN'S PERSONAL
OBSERVATION, ALTHOUGH DEPUTY SECRETARY HAD EARLIER
SUGGESTED TO DOBRYNIN THAT A CALL FOR SUCH A MEETING
MIGHT BE A MORE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO FRG ACTIVITIES IN
BERLIN THAN INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC.

6. BONN IS AUTHORIZED TO PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO FRG
FOREIGN OFFICE AND TO UK AND FRENCH EMBASSIES. KISSINGER

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